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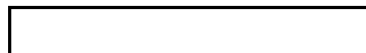
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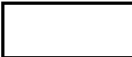
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2. SOVIET ARMY DEMOBILIZATION

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MEASURES REPORTED

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[REDACTED] Since the announcement last May that the Soviet Union would reduce its forces by 1.2 million men by May 1957, Marshal Zhukov has reportedly ordered the release of officers and enlisted men who have completed 25 years of service, those with family problems, and those guilty of misconduct.

Reductions are also to be made in the numbers of political officers and personnel in auxiliary military installations.

25X1A These steps are reported as being in preparation for a demobilization of military units this fall.

[REDACTED]

Comment

It is believed that a number of officers were retired--some against their will--after the announcement in August 1955 of a 640,000-man reduction in the armed forces. Also, some undesirables were weeded out of the Group of Soviet Forces in Germany last fall.

There have been several indications that the number of political officers has been reduced over the past two years, although not necessarily in connection with the announced reduction of forces.

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5. TURKEY'S FINANCE MINISTER RESIGNS


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Comment on:



The sudden resignation of Turkey's Minister of Finance Nedim Okmen on 22 August and the assumption of the finance portfolio by Prime Minister Menderes suggest an approaching financial crisis. Okmen's resignation probably springs from the basic conflict over economic policy in the government.

Last January Okmen threatened to resign if Menderes opposed his economic stabilization program; Menderes reluctantly approved the plan, but its implementation has been slow. Menderes' strict price control program and his refusal to devalue the currency according to the International Monetary Fund's recommendations probably convinced Okmen that he should follow the example of former minister of economy Ulas and resign in protest.

Turkey faces a major financial crisis. Its exports are lagging, and despite the temporary benefits of the new price controls, domestic industry is suffering from a severe shortage of raw materials and spare parts, unemployment is increasing, and there is a serious shortage of many consumer goods including food items. 

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**6. ALGERIAN REBELS REPORTEDLY HAVE ENOUGH
SMALL ARMS**

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[REDACTED] This new situation is reportedly due to an improved supply from foreign sources, an increasing number of desertions among both Foreign Legionnaires and Moslem troops from tropical Africa, and the unexpectedly large quantity of weapons captured from the French army.

25X1C The main problem facing the Algerian rebels now [REDACTED] is to obtain sufficient ammunition to make use of the weapons and men now available. As a result, the rebel leaders are now urging potential deserters to "come over" without arms but with as much ammunition as they can carry. [REDACTED]

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Comment

[REDACTED] the Algerian resistance is now well supplied with small arms and lacks only certain types of ammunition and heavy weapons.

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